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Subpart A—General Provisions

§ 12.1 Purpose of regulations.

The regulations of this part establish procedures relating to property seized or subject to forfeiture under various laws enforced by the Service.

§ 12.2 Scope of regulations.

Except as hereinafter provided, the regulations of this part apply to all property seized or subject to forfeiture under any of the following laws:

- (a) The Eagle Protection Act, 16 U.S.C. 668 *et seq.*;
- (b) The National Wildlife Refuge System Administration Act, 16 U.S.C. 668dd *et seq.*;
- (c) The Migratory Bird Treaty Act, 16 U.S.C. 703 *et seq.*;
- (d) The Migratory Bird Hunting Stamp Act, 16 U.S.C. 718 *et seq.*;
- (e) The Airborne Hunting Act, 16 U.S.C. 742j–1;
- (f) The Black Bass Act, 16 U.S.C. 851 *et seq.*;
- (g) The Marine Mammal Protection Act, 16 U.S.C. 1361 *et seq.*;
- (h) The Endangered Species Act, 16 U.S.C. 1531 *et seq.*; and
- (i) The Lacey Act, 18 U.S.C. 43–44.
- (j) The Lacey Act Amendments of 1981, 16 U.S.C. 3371 *et seq.*

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§ 12.3 Definitions.

- (a) As used in this part:

(1) *Attorney General* means the Attorney General of the United States or an authorized representative;

(2) *Disposal* includes, but is not limited to, remission, return to the wild,